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Justice Sacrificed by a Party.

The moment that justice is sacrificed to party interests or individual, so doing becomes factious; for justice being the grand object of the law of the constitution of the state itself, the party sets itself above these, and makes itself its own object, while a party can have no right to exist except so far as it is formed for the public good.—Political Ethics, Leiber (Woolsey) p 175.

This principle which puts partisanship in the room of patriotism, and fear in that of conviction, only retards the death of the party that is mortally wounded already, but debases character more than anything else. The fear of public opinion in a free country, where character and motives are discussed without reserve, is strong enough to make cowards of most men; but when it becomes a moral principle, that a man, if a representative, owes it to his party to vote with it through thick and thin, and is bound, if a private citizen, to support the regular candidate, there is turning of moral rules upside down which may corrupt the character of a whole country.—Political Science by Woolsey, Vol. II p 557.

Thus it is that selfish or party interest, and not the public good, becomes the ruling motive in all political preferment, and the results are the legitimate fruit of the motive. Out of this motive spring all the intrigues, bargains, sales of influence and patronage, bribes, and crookedness that make our politics a reproach and our institutions a by-word among the nations.—Every Day Topics, by Holland, p 352.

Any one not in a condition of partisan blindness, who will analyze the policy now practiced in both the old parties, can easily see that

justice is sacrificed for party interest, and that a blind, persistent fidelity to either of the old party organizations is not a service that will restore justice to the masses, or a reward of anything only that of contempt in the eyes of an outraged justice.

Where is Albert?

Say, Mr. "Morality and Temperance" party, where is Albert Griffin, the Republican party anti-saloon leader? His anti-saloon friends have seen no account of his public anti-saloon career since June, 1888, that being the time that your national convention sat down on him. For this reason his anti-saloon friends fear he has been exiled or boodled by you, or that he has strayed off his way and got lost, while out on a private search for a mechanic, a coal digger, a hod carrier, a washermoman or any other wage-worker who has had his or her wages raised by reason of the McKinley tariff.

THE committee of the State Alliance, appointed to investigate the condition of farm loans in Kansas, met in Topeka, on the 10th, and formulated plans of work whereby the farmers could be helped to obtain loans at a more reasonable rate of interest, secure renewal of loans now under process of foreclosure, or soon to be foreclosed, and the committee believe they can make the capitalist more secure, and also the man who borrows; and have found on investigation that the man who loans the money and the man who borrows the money are often deceived and beaten by the unscrupulous loan companies, and they feel that a better understanding between the borrower and the lender will redound to the credit of the state.

THERE were five hundred delegates to the People's party state convention in Iowa, and yet Bro. Trigg, of the Eagle, says the farmers of Iowa have refused to join the People's party. Bro. Trigg will change his opinion after the election.

SEND TEN CENTS and get a big bundle of Reform papers to distribute among your weak-kneed friends

Letter from Georgia.

EDITOR AGITATOR: I have been reading your paper for several months and am well pleased with it. My understanding when I subscribed was that I was to get it three months, but you continue to send it for which I am truly thankful, for I have fallen in love with it and the people of Kansas. I want you to still continue, because I like its course in politics. We have been depending on the two old parties to bring us out of the mire of clay for twenty years, and they have been promising the whites and blacks the "forty acres and mule," and none of us have any confidence in them. We want a new kind of men and a new party—one for the people, and by the people, and not for the money power of this corrupt world.

I noticed in last week's Atlanta Constitution that some of your sub-Alliances after returning from the Cincinnati had gone into resolutions to return to the old corrupt Republican party because the south was not well represented at that convention. Tell them not to give us out, we are for the new party. The Republican party has been promising the negro of the south "forty acres and a mule," and the so-called Democrat party has been promising the whites "forty acres and a mule," and none have ever gotten them.

Now we want to meet the laboring people of the Republican party on half-way ground, and make a People's party that will give all an equal share of the spoils. We cannot get along without a new set of men in office. We in the south would as leave have Harrison for president as to have Cleveland. We don't care for old parties, but for men with principle.

A few nights ago in our sub-Alliance we voted unanimous for a new party. We instructed our delegates to the county Alliance to vote to instruct our county delegates to the State Alliance to advocate and vote for a new party movement. Some of us have declared ourselves independent of the old rotten Democrat party forever. We will vote no more so-called Democrat national ticket. New

party, or no new party, tell your people to come to St. Louis to the National Alliance, and they will see some of us southern Alliance men. We want to get with your people and talk with them, to better understand one another.

Send me some specimen copies of your paper—I will distribute them around. When my time expires continue the Agitator and send bill.

ASA DARBY.

Marietta Ga.

P. S. Since writing the above I have attended our Cobb county Alliance. The question was sprung about the People's party. We had considerable discussion, but instructed our delegates to the State Alliance to advocate and vote for a People's party. Our greatest trouble is, there are so many of our people who are aspirants for office, and they are on the fence until they see which way the straws blow, then they will fall in line and claim they were in favor of the People's party all the time, but did not want to be too hasty.

A. D.

[Bro. Darby, the account you saw in the Atlanta Constitution, to the effect that some of our sub-Alliances had returned to the Republican party, is simply a Kansas Republican lie, made up out of whole cloth. The Alliance of Kansas is firm as a rock; ever progressive, ever aggressive—so much so that when President Harrison appointed Chief Justice Horton, of this state, to a position on the land commission, the Republican managers petitioned the president to defer his appointment until in October, when it would be too late to call an election, so that a Republican justice could be appointed to the vacancy.

As to those persons you speak of as being on the fence, we would say—do as we did in Kansas—knock the fences down. We have "crossed the Rubicon"—we have "burned all bridges behind us."]

LABETTE county has a host of People's party voters, and the Republicans and Democrats are preparing to join forces to defeat the People. They will do the same in other counties.